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The oil wells in the region of Provadija, Bulgaria, which were drilled a few years ago, have been sealed off by order of Russian technicians. Bulgarians believe this was done either because the wells are producing so little that they are uneconomical to operate or because the Soviets want to keep the oil deposits a secret from the world.

2. The copper mines located three kilometers from the village of Sveti Mikola, Bulgaria, employing 1,600 workers, are operating at full capacity. Between eight hundred and mine hundred tons of ore per day are being extracted and exported to the Soviet Union, which returns some of the smelted copper to Bulgaria.

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